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SUBJECT: COLOMBIA: NO SAFE HAVEN FOR ALEMAN DEMARCHE
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Classified By: Political Counselor Jeffrey DeLaurentis;
Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) Poloff met with MFA Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean Hector Arenas Neira on November 10 to urge Colombia to deny safe haven to former Nicaraguan president Arnaldo Aleman should it be sought. Arenas did not specifically address the request to deny visas to Aleman and his family, but said he would discuss the issue with colleagues at the MFA. He said the GOC has no information on any corrupt proceeds Aleman or his associates may have deposited in Colombia at present, but would inform the Embassy if funds were discovered. Arenas noted that Colombia has a close relationship with Nicaragua and is concerned about the institutional crisis facing Nicaraguan democracy. He said Colombia supports efforts to strengthen democratic institutions in Nicaragua.

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